

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant(s): Bradley Cain | |
| Application No.: 09/457,209 | Group Art Unit: 2431 |
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| Title: System Device and Method for Sending Keep-Alive Messages in a Communications Network | Confirmation No.: 7418 |
| Attorney Docket No.: 120-025 | |
| Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | |

AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE (37 CFR 1.312)

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows: